Government while implementing the recommendation after its acceptance, amended Fundamental Rule 56 stipulating that no extension shall be granted after superannuation except to a Government servant dealing with budget work or working as a full time member of a Committee which is to be wound up shortly for a period not exceeding three months and to a specialist in medical or scientific fields up to 62 years on case to case basis in public interest.

(c) Rules provide for grant of extension only to specified categories as mentioned in reply to (b) above. Since different Ministries/Departments are competent to exercise the powers conferred under the rules, no data in this regard is centrally available in this department. However, no extension beyond the age of superannuation has been granted by this Department by relaxing the provisions of the rule.

(d) Restructuring of the Government office, openness in Govt. working, performance appraisal, promotion policy, flexible complementing scheme, transfer policy, work force size control, age of superannuation, voluntary retirement, pensionary benefits, family pension, *ex-gratia* on death, commutation of pension, six days week etc. are some of the other salient features of the package contained in the Pay Commission's Report. Some of these measures have been accepted with or without modification while the others were not accepted after detailed consideration.

Small scale Industries in Madhya Pradesh

*79. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of small scale Industries at present in the State of Madhya Pradesh, region-wise:

(b) whether Government have taken new initiatives to encourage SSI units set up in the backward and tribal regions of Madhya Pradesh;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government are aware of the fact that cottage industries in SC/ST and Tribal areas are facing many problems in Madhya Pradesh; and

(e) if so, steps being taken or proposed to be taken to augment the promotion of cottage industries in near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) The estimated total number of registered Small Scale Industries as on 30th April, 2000 in the State *of* Madhya Pradesh was 3,23,956. Region-wise details of number of Small Scale Industries in the State is given in the Statement. *(See* below)

(b) and (c) The ongoing Schemes meant for Small Scale Industries including the new initiatives taken up by the Government are not location or State-specific. The initiatives taken by the Government to encourage SSI units consist of launching of Credit Guarantee Scheme to provide loans upto' Rs. 10 lakhs without collaterals, measures to encourage technology upgradation and modernisation, setting up specialised Bank branches and strengthening information technology network. The programmes launched to encourage and promote SSI in the backward and tribal regions comprise Integrated Infrastructure Development, Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY), Entrepreneurship Development etc. One Integrated Infrastructure Development (IID) Centre has been sanctioned in Satna District in Madhya Pradesh to- facilitate location of industries in rural and backward area. Under the PMRY Scheme, reservation of 22.5% tor Scheduled Castes & Scheduled Tribes and 27% for other backward classes and age relaxation for SCs/STs are provided.

To generate additional employment, Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) is being implemented by the KVIC. The Margin Money Scheme of the KVIC provides higher grants for weaker sections such as SCs/STs and for Hill & Tribal areas. Under the Hire Purchase Scheme, NSIC has launched a new scheme viz., SAMRIDHI for SC/ST entrepreneurs. SIDBI has sanctioned an

assistance of Rs. 30 lakhs to an NGO for providing small loans to tribal communities at village Kesla, district Hoshangabad in Madhya Pradesh for undertaking poultry and related activities. The facilities provided by the State Government for backward and tribal areas consist of land at concessional rate for setting up industries, higher rates of concession on State investment subsidy, commercial' tax exemption, additional concession to industries established in no-industry blocks.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. Measures for promotion of cottage industries in SC/ST and tribal areas consist of higher grants, higher rate of subsidy, financial assistance under KVIC's Margin Money Scheme, imparting training in various trades, higher grants for improved tools and equipments under family oriented schemes.

Statement

Number of Small Scale Industrial Units Registered up to 30.04.2000 State: Madhya Pradesh.

SI. No.	Name of region/ commissionery	Number of units as on 30.4.2000
01.	Chambal	15612
02.	Gwalior	24312
03,	Ujjain	29361
04.	Indore	47934
05.	Bhopal	31070
06.	Hoshangabad	7952
07.	Sagar	21682
08.	3abalpur	44827
09.	Rewa	21252
10.	Bilaspur	33566

SI. No.	Name of region/ commissionery	Number of units as on 30.4.2000
11.	Raipur	40744
12.	Bastar	5644
	TOTAL	323956

Export performance in IT

*80. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken steps to improve export performance in the field of Information Technology;

(b) the break-up of achievement in Information Technology, software and services and electronics during 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000;

(c) the target fixed for export in these sectors for the next three years and also to give boost to computer hardware manufacturing sector; and

(d) the details thereof? '

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of exports of Electronics Hardware and Computer Software are as under:

(Rs. Crores)

		1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
1.	*Electronics* Hardware	3,000	1,800	1,400
2.	Computer Software	6,500	10,940	17,150